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TO: Members of the Senate Taxation Committee

FROM: Marg Crennen, volunteer advocate AARP Montana

RE: Senate Bill 284- Increase income phase-out cap for pension and annuity exclusion

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Marg Crennen and I'm a volunteer advocate for AARP Montana—a non-profit non-partisan organization of 165,000 members in this state. AARP Montana believes that in these tough economic times, Senate Bill 284 is an appropriate bill. Dollars that the state loses in income tax revenue will be in the hands of low-income retired Montanans. This bill will both help their standard of living And contribute to stimulating our economy. Thank you and we urge a do pass on Senate Bill 284.